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Taiwan Official Speaks to the OPC

Mr. Chien-jen Chen, representing the Republic of China Information Office and the highest ranking official allowed to visit the US at this time, spoke to a large crowd of OPC members and Chinese press at the Williams Club on May 18th.

In his remarks he cited many statistics to substantiate the great strides Taiwan has made in terms of world economy and democracy. With just 21.5 million people, Taiwan holds the world's third largest foreign exchange reserves, is the world's 14th largest trading nation and has the world's 19th highest GNP, in addition to having no foreign debt.

Yet, even with the undeniable importance of Taiwan in the world economy, it is still viewed in the press only in its relationship to Beijing. Mr. Chen suggested that just as we celebrated the end of the Cold War, we should "put away the 1950's rhetoric" when it comes to discussing Asia.

Since Beijing objects to any country having diplomatic relations with Taipei and Beijing at the same time, none of Taiwan's trading partners can have diplomatic relations with Beijing. "This unnecessarily hampers the proper handling of matters between countries and creates a ridiculous charade of indirect channels and visits by "retired" or "vacationing" officials to avoid the appearance of crossing Beijing's will," he said.



Mr. Chen of Taiwan, Richard Grayson of British Trans World News, and Bill Holstein of US News & World Report and former OPC President, share a libation and conversation at the May 18th event.

This same farce is carried out on an international level. Taiwan, even as a strong economic power, cannot contribute to the IMF and World Bank. This injustice is felt particularly keenly in this time of the Asian financial crisis. Even Taiwan's offer of humanitarian aid to Rwanda was rejected.

Despite this tension Taiwan continues to see a positive thawing in the relations with Beijing. The government of China has opened up travel and trade across the Taiwan Straits.

Taiwan is concluding bilateral talks with the Swiss and the European Union in its application for inclusion in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In 1996, Taiwan disbursed \$252.2 million in foreign aid and maintains membership in many intergovernmental organizations. Taiwan has "worked hard not to antagonize the PRC. But it cannot...give up its efforts to assert its rightful position in the international community by improving its ties with other countries..."

OPC Manager Promoted



Sonya K. Fry

Sonya K. Fry, club Manager since 1994, has been promoted to Executive Director of the Overseas Press Club by unanimous vote of the Board of Governors. John Corporon, OPC President, said her promotion was in recognition for her outstanding work on behalf of the OPC. "From the annual awards dinner to programs of the OPC and the care and feeding of the membership Sonya is deeply involved," Corporon said. "She brings creativity and intelligence to the job which has been an important factor in the OPC's growth during her tenure."

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The Pigeons Who Done Us Wrong

by John Corporon

How, you may ask, could a pigeon get a U.S. Signal Corps photographer headlines in a German newspaper in World War II??

It was 54 years ago, D-Day, Utah Beach.

Lt. Martin Lederhandler was at the time attached to the 4th Infantry Division and his assignment was to take pictures of the Normandy invasion for distribution to the Allies and for army archives.

But how to get pictures back to London? Satellite transmission had not been invented. Phone lines back to London from Utah Beach? Not a prayer!

So pigeons became a vehicle of communication. In this case 24 racing pigeons that had once made the run from Calais to Dover would be utilized.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times in a 1980 story: "Special waterproof-canvas birdcages were designed, equipped with water and food for two days, and with breathing tubes that could be sealed should the person carrying the cage get dunked in the water during the landing. There were two birds per cage."

The birds were to be outfitted with cigar-tubelike cannisters complete with small harnesses. Twelve photographers, including Lederhandler, were chosen to carry the birds ashore on various beaches along the front. Photographers carried 35mm Leica cameras and special 10 exposure cassettes that could be placed in the tubes.

After boarding the ship with his birds, complications set in. The sailing was delayed by one day because of storms in the English Channel. The birds were supposed to be exercised at least every two days. The delay meant the birds were not out of their cages for three days.

After shifting from a LST to a Rhino barge, Lederhandler started taking pictures. The Sun-Times picks up the story: "While the barge was making its way toward the shore, Marty loaded the film tube and lashed it to the pigeon's back. He then tossed the bird into the air only to see it fall like a shot into the water where it fluttered its wings and swam, not flew, toward shore. Once ashore, Marty took more pictures with his Leica, loading the second tube onto the back of the second pigeon and again tossed the bird up into the air. This time the bird fell back to the ground, fluttered around for awhile, finally took off and disappeared over a nearby hill."

A few days later Lederhandler visited an abandoned German pillbox in the town of Cherbourg and he spotted a German newspaper. He was shocked to see a familiar picture. He had the picture caption translated and it read: "ON THE WAY TO DESTRUCTION: Reloading of vehicles of the 4th American Infantry Division from a special transport ship to barge. The barge was destroyed by German coast artillery fire. The picture comes from the USA reporter Lt. Lederhandler and was taken from a carri-

er pigeon that fell into German hands completely exhausted."

According to Lederhandler, other pictures from other pigeons appeared in various German newspapers. None returned to England.

Happily Lederhandler today works for the Associated Press where pictures are filed digitally and electronically and pigeons are something you toss breadcrumbs to in Rockefeller Center.

Looking for...

If anyone knows the whereabouts of a man named Ted Pasca, who worked for Radio Free Europe, his friend Don Freudenheim would like to locate him. Leave a message for Don at 212-266-5567.

Janet Stoodley is doing research for a book on Sigrid Schultz, a former correspondent to the *Chicago Tribune* and one of the founders of the OPC. Ms. Stoodley can be reached by phone: 847-299-7854; by mail: 847 Webford Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60016; or by e-mail: Jans047@aol.com.

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Reporting From the Frozen Continent

by Alexander H. P. Colhoun

My beat ranged over 5,400,000 square miles of windswept snow and ice. Temperatures dipped 30 degrees below zero, freezing the ink in my pens and jamming my cameras. The sun never set for months at a time.

Stretching from the foot of Mount Erebus on McMurdo Sound to the frozen peaks of Queen Maude land and all points in between, the vast frozen continent of the South has but one newspaper to call its own: the *Antarctic Sun*.

As editor, writer, photographer and printer of the *Antarctic Sun*, my adventures took me from Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station to remote field camps in the Dry Valleys where I met and interviewed world class scientists as they attempted to unlock secrets of the ice and atmosphere. Based out of America's largest Antarctic base, McMurdo Station on the Ross Sea, the *Antarctic Sun* is a community newspaper funded by the National Science Foundation and written for members of the United States Antarctic program. Published bi-monthly during the austral summer, the paper devotes considerable space to science news in an attempt to keep the Antarctic



Sandy Colhoun high above Antarctica in a Coast Guard helicopter.

community appraised of more than 175 different science projects conducted over the course of the summer season.

The challenges of living in Antarctica: many weeks passed without fresh food and blizzards locked the town down tight for days at a time. Yet these inconveniences paled in contrast to the rewards of 'life on ice' including visits from Emperor penguins passing through town, brilliant orange snowscapes setting the polar plateau aglow, and the camaraderie of the hearty, imaginative souls who braved the experience together.

To follow the *Antarctic Sun* and news from the seventh continent, look no further than your web browser at <http://www.asa.org> (then hit the newspaper icon).

Alexander Colhoun won the OPC Foundation's 1997 David R. Schweisberg Memorial Scholarship. This spring he was finishing a Master's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri and pursuing assignments abroad.

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Ruth Gruber Honored by Jewish Museum

by Felice Levin

Dr. Ruth Gruber, longtime OPC member, was the honoree and guest speaker at the annual luncheon of the Museum of Jewish Heritage's "A Living Memorial to the Holocaust" held on June 3 at The Pierre. Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, who serves as museum chairman, introduced Ruth to the packed ballroom as "an extraordinary woman who has led an extraordinary life."

The museum director noted that "Ruth has moved across most of the 20th century...and represents a living history and a living treasure."

Ruth, now age 86, has been a writer and photographer for more than 60 years. As a journalist she has covered the Soviet Gulag in the Stalin era,



Ruth Gruber

Israel's War of Independence and the war in Vietnam. She was chosen in 1947 to represent the entire American press corps aboard the ship on which the Jews of the Exodus were imprisoned. Her photographs and reporting became the basis for both the Leon Uris novel and subsequent movie. Ruth is also the author of 14 books, including a recent autobiography on her early years as a foreign correspondent.

In May Ruth also won a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors.

A New Book on Photojournalism from John Morris



On June 2nd, John Morris signed copies of his new book on photojournalism "Get the Picture" for a large crowd of OPC members, former colleagues and friends.

Cornell Capa, Founder Director Emeritus of the International Center of Photography, hosted the book signing for his good friend John Morris.

PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

AUSTIN, Texas: Kristina Shevory, winner of a Reuters scholarship, sent news that she won an internship from the NAHJ (National Association of Hispanic Journalists) to serve as a reporter and web designer at the annual convention this June in Miami, as well as working on the online newspaper, the *Latino Reporter Digital*. In July Kristina will be going to St. Petersburg and Moscow where she intends to work on improving her Russian and reporting for English language publications there.

BUENOS AIRES: A businessman wanted in the murder of news photographer **José Luis Cabezas** committed suicide May 20 with a gunshot in the mouth. Police had been searching for the businessman, Alfredo Yabran, for six days after a judge ordered his arrest on suspicion that he arranged the 1997 murder. He was linked to the killing because Cabezas was the first news photographer to take pictures of his private life, but Yabran had denied any connection with the crime.

FORT BRAGG: North Carolina: When OPC member **Joe Galloway**, a senior writer at U.S. News & World Report, in May received the U.S. Army's Bronze Star Medal with "V" for rescuing a soldier while under enemy fire during the 1964 Ia Drang Valley battle [May Bulletin], he became the first Vietnam War correspondent to be so honored by the Army. In 1980, the U.S. Marine Corps awarded Bronze Stars to Vietnam reporters **H. D. S. Greenway**, *Time*; **Charles Mohr**, *The New York Times*; and **Al Webb**, *UPI*. Galloway, who covered Vietnam for UPI, described the Ia Drang fighting, America's first major Vietnam battle, in a best-selling book that he co-authored with retired Lt. Gen. **Harold G. Moore**, "We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young" [New York: Random House, 1992].

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.: For his exclusive interview with Cambodian Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, **Nate Thayer** won an OPC citation in April, and now he has received his third award for the same reporting: the Francis Frost Wood Award for Courage in Journalism, sponsored by Hofstra University in

Hempstead. The citation said Thayer, in pursuing the Pol Pot interview, "went into a Khmer Rouge zone where three westerners had been murdered and an invited government negotiating team ambushed and decimated." Thayer, who writes for *Far Eastern Economic Review*, a Hong Kong magazine owned by The Wall Street Journal that reprinted the Pol Pot interview, also won a Peabody Award and an award from Britain's Granada Television for his Cambodian reporting.

HONG KONG: Our reciprocal Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club issued a statement in May expressing "deep concern that [new] legislation . . . might open the door to the suppression of free expression and free press" in Hong Kong since its return last year to China's rule. Signed by **Keith Richburg**, club president and *Washington Post* correspondent, and **Francis Moriarty**, chairman of the club's press freedom subcommittee, the statement said, "We do not wish to see introduced into our laws anything that might resemble the notion of political crime." While welcoming recent statements by Beijing leaders supporting a free press in Hong Kong, the Richburg-Moriarty statement said: "We nonetheless express our dismay at the number of our colleagues known to be held in custody on the [China] Mainland. We specifically reiterate our long-standing call for the release from prison of prize-winning journalist Gao Yu."

JOHANNESBURG: A South African court in May blocked government efforts to deport the wife of a newspaper reporter, opening the way for the reporter to return to South Africa and fight his own deportation order. Apparently upset over his reporting, South Africa in February canceled the permanent residency permit of **Newton Kanhema**, a Zimbabwe citizen and an investigative reporter for the *Sunday Independent* and *The Star*, South Africa's largest-circulated newspaper. When his return to South Africa was denied, Kanhema was in the United States on a fellowship at Atlanta's Emory University, so South Africa immigration officials told his wife, also from Zimbabwe, to leave the country immediately. But a judge said the government

appeared powerless in fighting crime while wasting resources by prosecuting "law abiding residents" like Mrs. Kanhema, a bookkeeper.

LENEXA, Kansas: **Jim Fussell** and **Dru Sefton**, who describe themselves as "nosy reporters" at *The Kansas City Star*, are running a contest, "Funny Journalism Stories," offering seven prizes from \$50 to \$500. They will publish stories that "make us raise our eyebrows" in a book of behind-the-scenes newspaper tales. Journalists may submit "true tales of funny or unexpected things that happened to you in pursuit of a story." Entries should be sent to Weird Journalism, P. O. Box 19301, Lenexa, KS 66285-9301 or e-mail to drusefton@hotmail.com by Aug. 15. Limited to three entries per person, stories must be true and unpublished. Include your name, newspaper and business telephone number.

LINCOLN, Nebraska: **Rich Holden**, a staffer at *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in Hong Kong, 1976-1979, will receive the 1998 Innovator of the Year Award from the University of Nebraska's College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Now executive director of the *Dow Jones Newspaper Fund*, Holden is being recognized for his journalism education programs including: developing seminars in editing for professors at black colleges and universities; expanding editing residencies to the University of Nebraska, Florida A&M and University of Texas; and introducing internship programs to train students for financial news services and to train editors for on-line newspapers.

LONDON: **Ingrid Cipriant-Matthews** is the new deputy bureau chief for *CBS News* in London. For the past four years, she was a senior broadcast producer for CBS morning shows.

After taking a year off to write a book, **Tom Reid**, former Tokyo bureau chief for *The Washington Post*, now is a Post correspondent in London.

MANILA: *The Asian Wall Street Journal* started printing a daily in Manila this spring, and Karen Elliott House, Dow Jones' international president, flew in from her New York headquarters for the opening ceremony. Philippine President Fidel Ramos was a featured speaker. **Reginald Chua**, editor of the

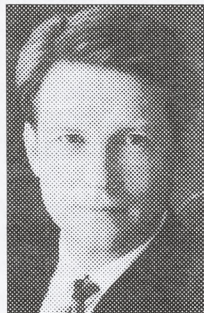
Asian Journal, also spoke. The Journal also is printed in seven other Asian cities.

MOSCOW: In May, the International Press Institute held its annual congress in Moscow, the first time it had met in Russia, and delegates got an earful on new controls on Russian broadcasting. Earlier, President Boris N. Yeltsin had called in directors of Russia's three national television channels to complain about negative news coverage, including reports on the miners' May sit-in that blocked the Trans-Siberian railroad for a week. "We have the right to ask you to carry out state policy on television," Yeltsin told the TV executives. At the IPI meeting, Russian journalists and politicians debated a new Russian government plan to establish a state company that would coordinate operations of state-owned television and radio stations. *The New York Times* quoted Oleg Dobrodeyev, general director of NTV, a private TV station, as commenting: "The creation of such a state stronghold can't help but disturb people who work in television."

NEW YORK: **Roone Arledge**, 67, turned over leadership of *ABC News* to the division's president, **David Westin**, 45, on June 1. Arledge, who will remain chairman of *ABC News*



Roone Arledge



David Westin

and serve as a consultant to Westin, had run the news operation for 21 years, longer than any other TV news executive. Westin, a lawyer, has limited experience in journalism, but Arledge praised him for "integrity and a strong vision for *ABC News*." Assuming his new responsibilities, Westin appointed **Shelby Coffey III**, 51, to be his executive vice president in charge of new business and development in cable, on-line and international programming. Coffey, former editor of *The Los Angeles Times*, has worked in print journalism 30 years but has no TV experience.

Serge Schmemmann, a *New York Times* correspondent in Israel, won the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for First Nonfiction in May for his book, "Echoes of a Native Land: Two Centuries of a Russian Village" [New York: Knopf, 1997]. Based on recollections, memoirs, photographs and interviews, Schmemmann's book chronicles modern Russian history as seen from his family's ancestral estate in Russia. His award includes a \$1,000 prize and residence at the Vermont Studio Center.

Harvard University, the University of Michigan and Stanford University in May announced journalism fellowships for the 1998-1999 academic year, including several to U.S. foreign correspondents. Harvard Nieman Fellowships were awarded to **Chris Hedges**, *The New York Times* Zagreb bureau chief, and **Mary Williams Walsh**, *The Los Angeles Times* Berlin bureau chief. Michigan's Journalism Fellowships went to **Hilary Appelman**, *AP Jerusalem*, and **Hayes Ferguson**, Latin American correspondent for the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*. A John S. Knight Fellowship at Stanford was received by **Linda Gradstein**, Israel correspondent, *National Public Radio*.

The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in May awarded nine Knight-Bagehot Fellowships in Economics and Business Journalism for study during the 1998-1999 academic year. Winners from abroad were **Vincent Chikwendu Nwanma**, business editor of *The Financial Post*, Accra, Ghana, and **Scott Savitt**, publisher and editor of *Beijing Scene*, an independent English-language newspaper published in China.

OPC member **David Friend**, former director of photography at *Life* magazine, was named to a new position, editor of creative development at *Vanity Fair*.

Louis D. Boccardi, AP's President, found a Washington, D.C. telephone directory issued in 1878 when telephones, first patented two years earlier, were few and their numbers were simple. At a May dinner at Newseum/NY marking the news service's 150th anniversary, Boccardi told attending editors, publishers and broadcasters that in 1878 the one-digit telephone number for the White House was 1 and for the Capitol building 2. To call AP, the number was 3.

HBO's Vietnam War movie shown in May, "A Bright Shining Lie," drew objections from **Neil Sheehan**, author of the book on which the TV production was based, and **David Halberstam**, a character in the book and movie. Winner of a 1989 Pulitzer Prize, Sheehan's book describes America's involvement in Vietnam through the life of John Paul Vann, a U.S. army colonel, later a civilian advisor and one of the first to criticize U.S. policy in Vietnam. Halberstam, who covered the war for *The New York Times*, demanded that his name be removed from the character who portrayed him in the movie, telling *The Times*: "John Paul Vann was every reporter's dream. He was like a prophet armed, in those early days, an American Lawrence of Arabia. I just thought the screenplay caught none of that, in fact sort of got it wrong." Sheehan, who covered the war for UPI and *The Times*, commented: "I'm sorry they didn't succeed in pulling it off. It's not that Vann is portrayed in a derogatory way in the film. It's that his character is not fully developed. . . . It's not a bad film. It's just that they didn't succeed." But another Vietnam correspondent, Frances Fitzgerald, author of "Fire in the Lake," said, "I have seen a whole lot of Vietnam War movies. This one really looked like Vietnam. It looked the way things were." Terry George, who wrote the screenplay and directed the movie, defended his work: "Of necessity, you're forced to compress and composite and put together composite scenes to tell a linked and cohesive story."

In an eulogy published in *Time* in May, **John F. Stacks**, an executive editor of the magazine, called **Karsten Prager** "one of our most fearless war correspondents in Vietnam." Stacks wrote that Prager, former managing editor of *Time's* international editions, displayed personal bravery all his life: as a German boy of 8, escaping with his mother and siblings from Czechoslovakia ahead of advancing Russian troops, covering stories around the world despite a failing heart and returning to work after a heart transplant. Finally, stricken last fall with lymphoma, Prager was not expected by his doctors to live past Christmas. But he did. On March 3, Prager attended *Time's* 75th birthday party in New York City. Three weeks later, he died at age 61 [April Bulletin].

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Nicholas Confessore, winner of a Harper's Magazine scholarship in January 1998, writes to the OPC: "I finally have a job. I won a Writing Fellowship at *The American Prospect* in Cambridge...It looks to be an absolutely amazing opportunity."

On June 2, 1998 it was announced that ABC has entered into an agreement to sell its 80 percent stake in Worldwide Television News (WTN) to the Associated Press. In addition, ABC News will enter into a deal with APTV, AP's international video news agency for subscription to its service and ABC's news service, NewsOne, will provide material to APTV, which is headquartered in London.

NEWCASTLE-upon-TYNE, England: OPC member **Gerry Loughran** has concluded four years as consulting editor with the Nation Group of newspaper in Nairobi, Kenya, and has been commissioned by the Group to write a history of the company's publishing ventures to mark its 40th anniversary. The Aga Khan is the Group's principal shareholder. Before Africa, Loughran was a *UPI* correspondent in London, Beirut, Paris, Moscow and New York. Loughran asks anyone who has worked in East Africa to share their recollections with him at this address: 1 Sugley Street, Lemington, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE15 8RS, United Kingdom. Telephone 191-267-6053.

PHNOM PENH: Heidelberg Druckmaschinen of Germany donated a \$300,000 four-color digital printing press in March to *The Cambodian Daily*, published by **Bernie Krisher**. A former *Newsweek* Tokyo bureau chief who has lived in Japan more than 30 years, Krisher founded the Phnom Penh newspaper to provide impartial news in English, Khmer and Japanese and as a place to train Cambodian journalists. The new press will print the non-profit daily and children's textbooks to be distributed free in rural schools. Hartmut Mehdorn, chairman of the donating company, said, "We see this press as having enormous value for strengthening the democratic process in Cambodia."

ROME: The wedding of **Christiane**

Amanpour, 40, *CNN*'s chief foreign correspondent and a contributor to *CBS*' "60 Minutes," and **James P. (Jamie) Rubin**, 37, assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Public Affairs, is scheduled for August in a Renaissance castle outside Rome. They met last June in Bosnia, and he proposed in December on a Tobago beach. Rubin's best man will be Peter Pringle, a British journalist.



Jamie Rubin, left, and Christiane Amanpour

SACRAMENTO, California: **Chris Bowman**, environmental reporter for *The Sacramento Bee*, is scheduled to leave for Ghana in June on a Senator John Heinz Fellowship to spend three months training local journalists and reporting on the environment. Bowman is the first winner of the fellowship, established last year with a grant by the Teresa and H. John Heinz III Foundation and named for the late U.S. Senator H. John Heinz III. Announcing Bowman's selection, the Washington-based International Center for Journalists said the Heinz Fellowship is the only award in the United States that combines training overseas journalists with reporting on international environmental issues.

WYOMING, New York: *AP* correspondent **Hilary Appelman**, 33, and **Will Yurman**, 36, a freelance photojournalist, were married May 3 in Wyoming County in upstate New York. They are based in Jerusalem. Before her posting to Israel, Appelman was an *AP* correspondent in Rochester, N.Y., and earlier a Fulbright scholar at the University of the Philippines in Quezon City.

DECEASED: **Robert B. Tuckman**, 85, who covered the Korean and Vietnam Wars during 25 years with *AP*, died in London May 24, a few weeks after discovery of a brain tumor and liver cancer. Tuckman was *AP*'s field director in

Korea, 1951-1953, and he spent two and a half years in Vietnam, serving there as chief correspondent, 1967-1968. He also worked for the wire service in Albany, N.Y.; Los Angeles, Tokyo, Berlin, Nicosia, Israel, Honolulu, Hong Kong and London. He retired in 1969 in London.

Donald Wise, 80, who served with the British Army in Singapore, Palestine and Malaya before becoming a correspondent who covered three continents, died May 21 of cancer at his home in England. After military service, Wise became a reporter for the *Rand Daily Mail* in his native South Africa and, starting in 1950, covered Africa and the Middle East for Britain's *Daily Express*. He joined London's *Daily Mail* in 1960, serving as the newspaper's chief foreign correspondent for 15 years. He later wrote for Hong Kong's *Far Eastern Economic Review*, covering the Vietnam War and other stories in Asia, retiring in 1989. Wise was president of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club, 1980-1981. When Singapore fell to the Japanese during the early days of World War II, Wise, then a British Army officer, was captured and sent with other POWs to build the bridge on the River Kwai. The captured officers refused to do manual labor, arguing that in compliance with the Geneva Convention they should supervise enlisted men. A Japanese officer is said to have pointed out that "Jesus Christ worked; he was a carpenter." Wise replied: "Jesus Christ was not a British officer."

Henry Tanner, 79, who reported from Europe, Africa and the Middle East during a half-century career with several publications, died of a heart attack May 15 in a hospital near his weekend home in Honfleur, France. A resident of Paris, the Swiss-born Tanner spoke nine languages. At 23 during World War II, he started his reporting career with United Press in its Zurich bureau, moving later to Belgrade. Time-Life hired him in 1946 to cover France, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands. He joined *The New York Times* in 1958 and served in a number of posts: covering Africa, two years as Moscow bureau chief, four years as Paris bureau chief and correspondent at the United Nations. From *The Times*, he moved in 1983 to *The International Herald Tribune*, where he worked until retiring in 1993.

Horace Dasher (Doc) Quigg, 86, who reported from every continent including Antarctic during a 49-year career with *United Press* and *UPI*, died May 12 in a New York City hospital of a heart ailment. Writing under the byline H. D. Quigg, he covered General Douglas A. MacArthur's 1944 return to the Philippines, one of 10 World War II combat landings made by Quigg, and Admiral Richard E. Byrd's 1947 expedition to the South Pole. Quigg's reporting ranged from the Vatican to a New Jersey nudist convention that he covered wearing only his trademark rimless glasses. After *UPI* installed computers, Quigg, seated in a corner, continued to write on the only typewriter left in the New York newsroom. He retired in 1985 and in recent years lived above Gene's, a New York City bar where he drank white wine every afternoon.

Ron Ridenhour, 52, a soldier turned journalist who exposed the 1968 My Lai massacre in Vietnam, died May 10 of an apparent heart attack while playing handball in Metairie, Louisiana. Ridenhour was a gunner on a U.S. observation helicopter when he learned of the massacre of 175 to 400 Vietnamese civilians by U.S. Army troops. After returning home, he wrote a 1,500-word letter about what he had learned and sent copies to President Nixon, Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird and several members of Congress. The letter touched off the Army investigation into the massacre. Ridenhour later became an investigative reporter in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Phoenix, Arizona, before moving to New Orleans where he won a 1988 Polk Award for a year-long investigation into a tax scandal published in *City Business*, a biweekly newspaper. At the time of his death, he was a stringer for *People* magazine and had been working on a piece for the *London Review of Books*. He co-produced a story on the militia for NBC-TV's "Dateline."

Jack S. McDowell, 82, a World War II Pulitzer Prize winner, died May 9 in Atherton, California. While a reporter for the *San Francisco Call Bulletin*, McDowell won a 1945 Pulitzer for a series of articles after accompanying a flight that was transferring blood to GIs in the Pacific. He later became a political consultant whose clients included former California Senator S. I. Hayakawa and then Governor Reagan.

Two retired ABC News foreign correspondents, **Lou Cioffi**, 72, and **Charles Arnot**, 81, died this spring within eight days of each other.

Cioffi, an OPC Award winner who covered the Korean and Vietnam Wars and stories in Africa and Europe, died of complications from liver cancer May 2 in his New York City residence. Cioffi started his career as a foreign correspondent in 1952 when CBS News assigned him to cover the Korean War. He went on to report insurrections in Algeria and the wedding of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier. Moving to ABC News in 1961, Cioffi filed radio and television reports from Vietnam, the Ethiopian famine and the United Nations before retiring in 1988. Cioffi won a 1975 OPC award for his coverage of the armed conflict between Greeks and Turks in Cyprus and a 1981 Emmy for his coverage of Libyan leader Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi.

Arnot, who covered wars from World War II to Vietnam, died April 24 in Prescott, Arizona. Starting his foreign correspondent's career with *United Press* and joining ABC News in 1956, Arnot reported from both the European and Pacific theaters in WWII and conflicts in Korea, Cyprus and Egypt. In the 1950s and 1960s, he was ABC bureau chief in Cairo, Nairobi, Saigon and Rome. In the early 1970s, Arnot directed the network's weekend radio news operation from New York.

Otto Ludwig Bettmann, 94, who founded Bettmann Archive, one of the world's largest collections of news photos and other pictorial material, died May 1 in a Boca Raton, Florida, hospital. In 1933 when Hitler came to power, Bettmann was curator of rare books in the Prussian State Art Library in Berlin. Dismissed because he was a Jew, Bettmann left Germany for the United States in 1955 with two trunks containing 25,000 pictorial images that he had collected since he was a boy. By 1981 when he sold the archive, his collection contained 5 million photos, prints, woodcuts, posters, cartoons and other graphic material. In 1990, Bettmann Archive acquired 11.5 million photos,



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most of them from the libraries of *UPI* and *Reuters*. The collection now is owned by William H. Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corporation.



Nancy Hoepli-Phalon

Nancy Hoepli-Phalon, 67, editor-in-chief of the New York-based Foreign Policy Association, died of cancer April 30 at her New York City home. Prior to joining FPA in 1961 she worked for the U.S. mission to the United Nations and headed a Rockefeller foreign research group. Her husband, Richard A. Phalon Sr., is a contributing editor of *Forbes* magazine.

Helena Huntington Smith, 98, a North American News Alliance correspondent in Eastern Europe during World War II, died of sepsis April 13 at a convalescent center in Alexandria, Virginia. After the war, Smith wrote for several U.S. national magazines and was author of award-winning books on America's Western history. In 1926, she married Henry F. Pringle, who won a 1932 Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Theodore Roosevelt. Their marriage ended in divorce.

OPC member **Gilbert E. Busch**, 84, a *United Press* correspondent, 1931-1941, died April 4 at his home in Satellite Beach, Florida. After World War II service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Busch joined the New York City advertising agency, Albert Frank Guenther, Law, Inc., in 1945. He retired in 1974 after serving as the firm's senior vice president and director of public relations. He also served in the Korean War, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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New Books

• **John Newhouse**, formerly a writer on foreign affairs for *The New Yorker*, looks at Europe today and tomorrow in "Europe Adrift" [New York: Pantheon], dealing in part with regionalism and the European Monetary Union (EMU). He writes that "the question many Europeans are asking is whether regions are gradually supplanting central states as sources of political authority and custodians of public policy." And he warns: "Creating EMU without first creating a parallel political authority appeared to be putting the cart before the horse."

• **Samuel Segev**, a former correspondent for the Tel Aviv newspaper *Ma'Ariv*, writes about Israel's relations with its neighbors and the search for Middle East peace in "Crossing the Jordan: Israel's Hard Road to Peace" [New York: St. Martin's Press]. Segev concentrates on Israel's relations with Iraq, Morocco and Jordan. Contacts sometimes were made in strange places. In 1963, King Hussein of Jordan arranged to meet an Israeli emissary in the clinic of Hussein's Jewish dentist in London.

• In "A Mother's Place: Taking the Debate About Working Mothers Beyond Guilt and Blame" [New York: HarperCollins], **Susan Chira**, deputy foreign editor of *The New York Times* and a former Times correspondent in Tokyo, writes about how motherhood and a career can be compatible and beneficial to both mothers and children. Blending her own experiences with interviews and research, Chira writes about her concerns

in leaving her two children in the care of others, her jealousy when her children turned to their father instead of her for comfort and her insecurity about how to balance work and family. "A careful



Susan Chira

review of the evidence shows that whether a child has a mother who works or one who stays at home is usually not the issue," Chira writes. What matters, she says, "is sensitivity and responsiveness on the part of both parents," adding "that work is important to the mother, that helping support her family makes her proud."

• **Martin Meredith**, a former correspondent in Africa for London's *Observer* and *Sunday Times*, has written the first detailed biography of Nelson Mandela since his 1990 release from prison. Reviewing "Nelson Mandela: A Biography" [New York: St. Martin's Press], *The Washington Post* said Meredith offers new clues to the question: "How was it that Mandela could emerge from 27 years of imprisonment without bitterness and with a genuine willingness to reconcile with his former jailers?" Meredith suggests the answer may lie in Mandela's fundamental decency, aloofness and self-control. "Nelson Mandela has never really needed other people," *The Post* wrote.

• In "Africa: A Biography of the Continent" [New York: Knopf], **John Reader**, an English-born photojournalist who has spent nearly 20 years in Africa,

surveys the continent from its ancient geological formation to the establishment of black majority rule in South Africa. Reader writes about Africa's climate, species evolution, agricultural revolution, disease, peasants, monarchs, merchants, warlords, and traders of slaves, gold, ivory and other valuables.

• **Elizabeth P. McIntosh** was a Honolulu newspaper reporter in 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and she then became a war correspondent. By 1943, she had been recruited by the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the CIA. In "Sisterhood of Spies: The Women of the OSS" [Annapolis, Maryland: Naval Institute Press], McIntosh tells the story of women who worked underground during World War II. One was Amy Thorpe, who seduced an attaché at the Vichy French Embassy in Washington in an effort to copy French naval codes. After several trysts, near misses and close escapes, she got the codes. And after the war, she and attaché were married and spent the rest of their lives together.

• OPC member **Dan Moldea** has written his seventh book which was published in April 1998, "A Washington Tragedy: How the Death of Vincent Foster Ignited a Political Firestorm."

• The winner of the 1998 New York Public Library Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism is **Patti Waldmeir** for her work, "Anatomy of a Miracle: The End of Apartheid and the Birth of the New South Africa" (W.W. North and Company). From 1989 to 1995 she was bureau chief of the *Financial Times* in Johannesburg.

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